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5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND

7 A.B.,

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

10 CITY OF ALBANY, et al.,

11 Defendants.

Case No.

C17- 3272 KAW

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO FILE
DOCUMENTS UNDER SEAL**

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13 Plaintiff, only identified as "A.B.," has filed a motion to file under seal: (1) his complaint
14 against Defendants; (2) his application to proceed *in forma pauperis*; and (3) his motion to file
15 under seal. Northern District Civil Local Rule 79-5 provides, in pertinent part:

16 No document may be filed under seal, i.e., closed to inspection by
17 the public, except pursuant to a Court order that authorizes the
18 sealing of a particular document, or portions thereof. A sealing
19 order may issue only upon a request that establishes that the
20 document, or portions thereof is privileged or protectable as a trade
secret or otherwise entitled to protection under the law (hereinafter
referred to as "sealable"). The request must be narrowly tailored to
seek sealing only of sealable material

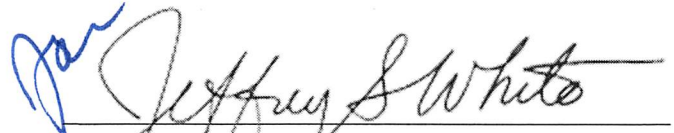
21 N.D. Civ. L.R. 79-5(b). In addition to the standards set forth in Local Rule 79-5, a motion to seal
22 judicial records is governed by a "compelling reasons" standard. *See Pintos v. Pac. Creditors*
23 *Ass'n*, 605 F.3d 665, 678 (9th Cir. 2010); *see also Kamakana v. City & County of Honolulu*, 447
24 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006) ("[T]he party must articulate[] compelling reasons supported by
25 specific factual findings that outweigh the general history of access and the public policies
26 favoring disclosure, such as the public interest in understanding the judicial process." (citations
27 and internal quotation marks omitted)) .

28 The Court has reviewed Plaintiff's motion, supporting declaration, and the documents

1 Plaintiff seeks to file under seal. Plaintiff has not demonstrated that compelling reasons justify
2 sealing the complaint, his *in forma pauperis* application, or his motion. Accordingly the Court
3 DENIES the motion to seal.

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

5 Dated: June 6, 2017

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7 JEFFREY S. WHITE
8 United States District Judge
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